



THE NATIVITY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

SOLEMN MASS of MIDNIGHT

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PRELUDE

La Nativité

Langlais

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Distler

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came a Flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior
when half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God! From sin and death He saves us
and lightens ev'ry load.

(PLEASE STAND)

What Child Is This

arr. Haugen

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Text: William C. Dix, 1827-1898
Tune: GREENSLEEVES, with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

Carol of the Bells

arr. Gist

In the Bleak Midwinter

Darke

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

What can I give him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can give him, Give my heart.

(PLEASE STAND) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Tune: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

O Magnum Mysterium

Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum
ut animalia viderunt Dominum
natum, jacentem in praesepe!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament
that the animals should see the new-
born Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Choral Prelude on "Silent Night"

Barber

ORDER of the MASS

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

PROCESSION TO THE CRÛCHE

(PLEASE STAND)

Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; Tr: John F. Young, 1820-1885.
Tune: STILLE NACHT, Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT

Dominus dixit ad me

chant, Mode II

*Dominus dixit ad me:
Filius meus es tu,
ego hodie genuite.
Quare fremuerunt gentes:
et populi mediatati sunt inania?*

The Lord said unto me:
You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.
Who do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Willcocks

*Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bèthlehem.
Natum videte, Regem angelòrum.
Venite adorèmus, venite adorèmus,
venite adorèmus Dòminum.*

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels:**

***Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

Text: *Adeste fidelis*; John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley. 1802-1880. alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES. Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade. C. 1711-1786.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo

arr. Latona

Solo *Assembly*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax
ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.
Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-le - stis, De-us Pa-ter o - mni - po - tens.
Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.

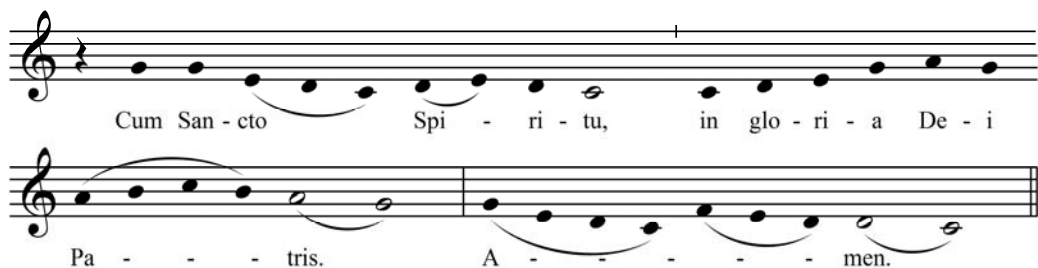
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum.

Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.



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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY of the WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96

Today Is Born Our Savior

Batcho



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Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

SECOND READING

Titus 2: 11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Festival Alleluia

Chepponis

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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Good news and great joy to all:
today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-14

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*[all kneel] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS



Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Hodie Christus natus est

Sweelinck

Hodie Christus natus est. Noe.

Today Christ is born. Noe.

Hodie salvator apparuit, alleluia.

Today the Savior has appeared, alleluia.

Hodie in terra canunt angeli.

Today on earth the angels sing,

Laetantur archangeli. Noe!

and the archangels rejoice. Noe!

Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:

Today the righteous exult, saying:

Gloria in excelsis deo. Alleluia! Noe!

"Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia! Noe!"

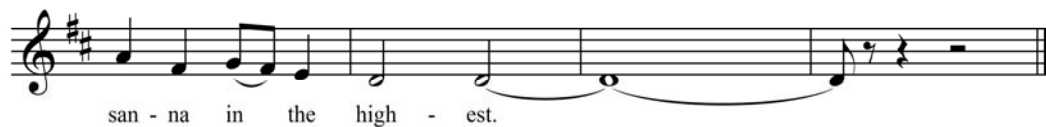
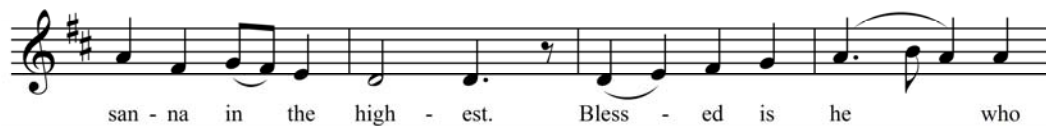
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Mass for the City

Proulx



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Mass for the City*

Proulx



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-



claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

Mass for the City

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A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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RITE OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Messe de minuit pour Noël

Charpentier

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem*

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

*Please remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.
When coming forward for communion, please bow your head as a
gesture of reverence to our Lord in the consecrated bread and wine.*

COMMUNION

In splendoribus sanctorum

chant, Mode VI

In splendoribus sanctorum, Amidst the splendours of the heavenly sanctuary,
ex utero ante luci ferum genuite. from the womb, before the morning star,
I have begotten you.

The First Nowell

arr. Willcocks

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:**

***Refrain:* Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!**

**They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night: *Refrain***

**And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went: *Refrain***

**This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay: *Refrain***

**Then enter'd in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense: *Refrain***

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
Who with the Father we adore
and Spirit blest for evermore: *Refrain***

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O Holy Night

arr. Biery

O holy night the stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night O holy night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His Holy name;
Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

HYMN

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Adeste Fideles

Dickenson

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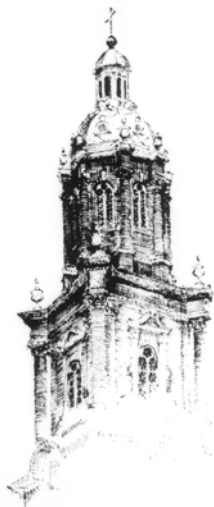
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